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SUBJ: VISIT TO URUGUAY OF OFFICIALS OF TRANSKEI.

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. TRANSKEI OFFICIALS VISITED URUGUAY AUGUST 3-5. ACCOMPANIED BY THE AMBASSADOR OF SOUTH AFRICA, THE DELEGATION MADE A COURTESY CALL AT THE FOROFF WHERE IT WAS RECEIVED BY FOREIGN MINISTER BLANCO AND UNDER SECRETARY MICHELIN. THE OFFICIALS ALSO CALLED UPON THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE AND THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.

2. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE ARRANGE BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR, THE DELEGATION GAVE A BRIEF HISTORY OF ITS TERRITORY AND POINTED OUT THAT ITS INDEPENDENCE, ALTHOUGH SECURED BY PACIFIC MEANS, WOULD BE AS LEGITIMATE AS THAT OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY.

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J.D. MOSHESH WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID: "THE FACT THAT TRANSKEI

WILL EMERGE FROM A MOLD WHICH IS THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, HATED FOR ITS POLICIES OF SEGREGATION, APARTHEID, AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, IS AN ACCIDENT OF BIRTH FOR WHICH THE PEOPLE OF TRANSKEI ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE. IN A WORLD APPARENTLY SO PREOCCUPIED WITH SOCIAL JUSTICE, IT IS THE ACME OF CONFORMITY AND DISCRIMINATION TO CONSIDER THE BIRTH OF TRANSKEI DIFFERENT FROM THE BIRTH OF THE NOW INDEPENDENT SWAZILAND, LESOTHO, AND BOTSWANA." MR. MOSHESH ASKED THAT IF INDEPENDENCE BY WAY OF NEGOTIATION IS A DISQUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND IN THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, WHY IS IT THAT BOTSWANA, MALAWI, LESOTHO, SWAZILAND, TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA ARE MEMBERS? "THE INDEPENDENCE OF THOSE NATIONS WAS NEGOTIATED AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE WITH A LOSS NO MORE OR LESS THAN A FEW BOTTLES OF INK", HE ADDED.

3. THE SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR ALSO HOSTED A WELL ATTENDED RECEPTION FOR THE VISITORS. HIGH RANKING GOU MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICERS, MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTER BLANCO, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WERE PRESENT.
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4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. FOR OFF UNDER SECRETARY MICHELIN TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE GOU HAS MADE NO DECISION ON THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION OF THE NEW COUNTRY, INDICATING AT THE SAME TIME SOMETHING OF A QUANDRY AS TO WHAT THEIR POSITION MIGHT BE.
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